
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Luke 8:19-25 KJV*

Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press. (20) And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee. (21) And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it. (22) Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. (23) But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. (24) And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. (25) And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

INTRO: *Hear the Word of God + DO IT*

Where Is Your Faith? – Taking God At His Word!

Fully ***A***nd ***I***ntentionally ***T***rusting ***H***im

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What did Jesus Say???

(22) … and ***HE Said Unto Them***, **Let *US* go over unto *The Other Side Of The Lake*.** And they launched forth.

Jesus did not say let's go out on the lake – go to the other side

Luke 8:15 KJV But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having ***heard the word, keep*** *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Luke 8:18 KJV ***Take heed therefore how ye hear***: for ***whosoever hath, to him shall be given***; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

I. *Let Down Your Nets for a Catch*

Luke 5:1-11 KJV

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, (2) And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. (3) ***And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship***. (4) Now when he had left speaking, ***HE SAID*** unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets ***for a draught*** *(a catch)*. (5) And Simon answering said unto him, Master, ***we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing***: ***nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net***. (6) And when they had this done, they inclosed *(caught)* a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. (7) And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. (8) When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. (9) For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught *(catch)* of the fishes which they had taken: (10) And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. ***And Jesus said*** unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. (11) And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

They were *professional fisherman* – He was only a teacher
We do this *every day* – it's not even your hobby
We have *toiled all night* and taken nothing – who do you think you are?

Peter ***HEARD*** the Word of the LORD
Peter ***KEPT*** the Word of the LORD
Peter was ***BLESSED*** because of his obedience to the Word of the LORD
"Jesus KEPT His Word!"

II. *Cast the Net on the Right Side*

3 – 3 ½ years have passed and these men truly have become fishers of men… the Master has been crucified and they are wondering …

WHAT'S NEXT???

John 21:3-12 KJV

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. (4) But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. (5) Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. (6) ***And He Said Unto Them, Cast the net on the riaht side of the ship, and ye shall find.*** They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. (7) Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. (8) And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. (9) As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. (10) Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. (11) Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. (12) Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

They have served well for 3 ½ years… They have healed the sick … cast out demons…

I've heard some preachers say that Jesus rebuked them for going fishing? I don't see that anywhere in scripture

Jesus is on the beach fixing these men breakfast
(5) Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

They once again have toiled in the night and caught nothing… So Jesus speaks to them again…
(6) ***And He Said Unto Them***, ***Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find.*** They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

So we have preachers today filling the airways with messages on

"10 Ways to Catch More Fish and Get Rich"
"God's Prosperity Gospel"
"How to Feel Good When You're Not Doing So Good!"

How about –

"Whatever He Says To You DO IT!"
"To Obey Is Better Than Sacrifice"

III. HEAR THE WORD OF GOD + DO IT

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IV. *My Family Is*

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